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INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REQUIREMENT

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AREA

BLOC/FREE WORLD

SUBJECT

Bloc Merchant Shipping Cartel In Asia

REFERENCE:

BACKGROUND

During the past year various information has been received which when analyzed indicates that the Bloc is planning a wide and intensive shipping offensive in South and Southeast Asia. The purpose of this Bloc offensive apparently is economic and political penetration of the area. Moreover, the implementation of these plans probably will result in intentional harassment of Western liner services.

Attached is a Background Paper outlining the major moves to date. The information contained has been gathered from scattered sources, has been fragmentary, often late, and has left many gaps. It is urged that reporting from the suggested posts on a continuing and current basis be considered of major importance.

These requirements are of special interest not only to CIA but also to the Department of Navy and have been informally coordinated with ONI. Further detailed support can be provided if opportunities for collection develop that require additional guidance.

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